



**June 15, 2015**

## **New Food List**

By now, you should've received your new food lists for July 1 and you may start handing them out immediately. Retailers know to accept both the old and new packets for the time being. Please remind participants to start using the new packets on July 1 and not before as it contains the new food list.

You also received benefit holders that will fit the new food list and benefits. There is a spot for participants to sign but DO NOT have them sign the holder. The only purpose of the holder is to put the benefits and food list in one spot. If you have any questions, please contact Leah.

## **State Ordered Medical Formula**

Because the State fiscal year will end on June 30<sup>th</sup> and we usually have to stop purchasing items after a certain deadline, think about what state ordered formula your clinics will need in early July. The deadline date we have been given for using the credit card is June 20<sup>th</sup>. So if you need to order a formula for an existing prescription, get it in by Friday noon. Noon on Friday is the cutoff for us to allow time for processing to be completed by the end the formula companies' business day. If this information changes, we will let you know.

## **Verify State Computer Inventory**

It is June and time to verify state computer inventory! This inventory is meant to identify all existing equipment in the clinics, as well as any missing items. This inventory covers computers, laptops, monitors, printers, signature pads, and scanners.

Please take a moment to print your inventory list from the Spirit Utilities website; it is titled "Inventory Survey" and is located under the Reports menu. Verify that the items listed are in fact located in your clinic. If an item is not located in your clinic, please note that on the form. If you have any items in the clinic that are not listed on the form, then please make note of them; we need to know what they are and the serial or service tag numbers.

Please return your completed inventory form to the State WIC Office by June 30, 2015, by email ([hhswhc@mt.gov](mailto:hhswhc@mt.gov)) or fax (406-444-0239). If you have any questions please call the WIC Helpdesk (1-800-433-4298, opt 1).

## **Local Agency Outreach of the Month**

June's outreach idea is to expand your presence in your community through building a relationship with the local drug-alcohol intervention programs in your community. Provide them with specific information relating to pregnant women and the importance of good nutrition and seeking treatment. Make sure they understand to refer every pregnant woman to WIC services.

## Referring Participants to Medicaid for Special Formula and WIC Nutritionals (Medical Foods)

We have been requesting infants and children on tube feedings be referred to Medicaid to supply their special formula or WIC nutritional. That is still in place. In addition, you may find other participants that can be referred to Medicaid for special formulas and WIC nutritionals. If Medicaid is already providing extra formula for a participant, that is a good candidate to refer to Medicaid. WIC would still provide the foods, but all of their formula would come from one source, Medicaid. The Montana WIC/Medicaid Nutrition Referral Flowchart may also provide information about other participants whose justifications would meet Medicaid requirements.

Follow the [Montana WIC/Medicaid Nutrition Referral Flowchart](#) to determine if making the referral to Medicaid is appropriate. Have the participant sign a Release of Information before sending the information to Medicaid. Complete and fax the [WIC/Medicaid Referral Form](#).

The [Montana Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity form](#) that the health care provider completes is available for your information.

## Immunization Requirements Have Changed

[Immunization requirements](#) for children attending school have recently changed. If you have participants who also have school age children, please inform them of the changes.

## MT-PECH Mini Grant Opportunity

The Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger (MT-PECH) is excited to announce the availability of mini-grants to support activities that further the goals included in the 10 Step Plan to End Childhood Hunger. The mini-grants to support activities for local programs range from a grant of \$250-\$1000. [Applications](#) are currently being accepted on an ongoing basis, as funds are available.

In addition, because grant funding is available through Montana No Kid Hungry to support Summer Food Service Programs, School Breakfast expansion, and CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meal Programs, MT-PECH grant applications to support these specific programs will not be considered.

If you have questions, please reach out to MT-PECH's Co-Chairs Stacey Nybo Black – (406) 255-5372 – [stacey.black@fib.com](mailto:stacey.black@fib.com) and Lisa Lee, RD - (406) 444-3518 – [llee@mt.gov](mailto:llee@mt.gov).

## Potential Respite Fund for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The Montana Lifespan Respite Coalition and the State Lifespan Respite program have launched a [respite voucher program](#). This program may provide respite funds for the grandparents raising grandchildren. Follow the link to learn more.

## The Region VIII National Prevention Strategy Webinar Series

This webinar series is presented by the Region VIII Federal Partners, who identify ways to effectively and efficiently work together in reaching and serving the public. Each webinar in the series is concentrating on shifting the nation from a sickness and disease focus to prevention and wellness. The articles for continuing education credits approved by State WIC are highlighted in yellow on [this document](#). Remember to submit the [WIC CEU Post-Article, Short Webinar, and Teleconference form](#) to the state WIC office for verification of completion.

**Continuing education credits** for physicians; nurses; health educators; and general continuing education for those courses specified below is available through the CDC Training and Continuing Education Online system (CDC TCEO). To apply for CEUs, go to CDC TCEO at <http://www.cdc.gov/tceonline/> and follow the instructions. For any questions or problems contact: CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online at 1-800-41TRAIN or Email at [ce@cdc.gov](mailto:ce@cdc.gov).

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## Great Beginnings Great Families Conference

Connecting Families and Communities for a Child's Best Beginnings will be held Great Northern Hotel in Helena, July 7-9, 2015. [Registration is open and the agenda is available.](#)

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